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SUBJ: SFCP/NSF PROJECT QUALITY OF ELECTRICAL ENERGY (QEE)

1. IN ORDER RESOLVE CONTINUING PROBLEMS WITH QEE SCIATT MET DEC 9 IN LJUBLJANA WITH DR PIRKMAJER, DEAN GRUDEN (FACULTY ELECTRICAL ENGR. U OF LJ), AND ASST DEAN VODOVNIK. SUBSEQUENTLY, DR KRANJC JOINED MEETING. FOLLOWING LENGTHY DISCUSSION OF PROBLEMS AND MEASURES WHICH NEED TO BE TAKEN PROMPTLY REGARDING TERMINATION QEE, SCIATT AGREED TO SEEK NSF AND DEPT APPROVAL ON FOLLOWING POINTS WHICH WERE ACCEPTED BY ALL YUGOSLAVS PRESENT:

A) ALL QEE SALARIES TO BE PAID UP TO NOV 21, INCLUDING THAT OF DR KRANJC, PROVIDED KRANJC PROVIDES DEAN WITH COPIES OF FINANCIAL RECORDS ON QEE. SCIATT DECLINED ACCEPT ANY CONDITIONS ON PAYMENT SUCH SALARIES. HOWEVER, KRANJC IS NOW PREPARING COPIES AND SUBSEQUENT SALARY PAYMENT WILL REMOVE SERIOUS DIFFERENCE BETWEEN US AND YUGOSLAV SIDES. SCIATT UNDERSTANDS FROM YUGOSLAV STATE AUDITING SERVICE THAT BY LAW, FINANCIAL RECORDS QEE MUST BE IN POSSESSION GRANTEE INSTITUTION.

B) MAJOR EQUIPMENT FOR QEE MADE TO ORDER IN SWITZERLAND, COSTING OVER 200,000 DOLS WHICH ALREADY PAID BY IRREVOCABLE LETTER OF CREDIT, REQUIRES INSPECTION AT FACTORY PRIOR TO SHIPMENT. WAS AGREED THAT KRANJC PLUS ONE OTHER PERSON MAKE TRIP. MEETING AGREED THAT TO EXTENT QEE BUSINESS REQUIRED, BOTH KRANJC AND GRUDEN RETAIN PI AND GRANTEE ROLES.

C) DR KRANJC SHOULD PREPARE A DRAFT FINAL REPORT ON QEE FOR DELIVERY TO FUNDING AGENCIES BY JAN 25, PRIOR TO FEB

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MEETING IN LJUBLJANA OF NSF AND YUGOSLAV FUNDING AGENCY. (REQUEST

NSF CONFIRM THAT ITS REP PLANS ARRIVE LJUBLJANA EARLY
FEB, AS TENTATIVELY INDICATED IN WASHDC, FOR TERMINATION OF QEE.)

D) DR KRANJC WAS ASKED TO PREPARE A STATEMENT OF MONEY
REQUIRED TO PAY OUTSTANDING OBLIGATIONS OF QEE, WHICH WILL PROB-
ABLY EXCEED FUNDS AVAILABLE.
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